



CONNECTICUT

TESTIMONY OF
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS (NFIB)
SUPPORTING
**HB-5366, AAC ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND FOR-PROFIT
DELIVERY COURIER COMPANIES**
BEFORE THE
LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE
MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL, MIDDLETOWN, CT
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A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB is Connecticut's and the nation's leading small-business association. In Connecticut, NFIB represents thousands of members and their employees. NFIB membership is scattered across the state and ranges from sophisticated high technology enterprises to "Main Street" small businesses to single-person "Mom & Pop" shops that operate in traditional ways. NFIB's mission is "To promote and protect the right of its members to own, operate, and grow their businesses." On behalf of those small- and independent- job-providers in Connecticut, NFIB/Connecticut offers the following comments:

NFIB/Connecticut supports HB-5366. This common-sense legislation would benefit many small business owners by properly applying the independent contractor standard to certain owner-operators in the motor carrier industry when appropriate.

There are many NFIB members engaged in the motor carrier industry, and there are many more entrepreneurs who have set out into the business world by starting work in this industry. For many of these small business owners, being an owner operator in the industry is their first foray into the business world, and one that inevitably brings with it many opportunities for future growth and development.

NFIB has consistently stated that efforts need to be made to better define who is an independent contractor. Current laws and regulations are often confusing and continue to handcuff small businesses. Fortunately, legislation such as HB-5366 begins to make that standard much more clear for an industry where it is sorely needed and one in which many small businesses owners are dependent upon.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and **NFIB/Connecticut urges passage of the bill.**